# PROPOSALS

For the better Maintaining and Imploying the

# POOR

OF THE

# CITY of BRISTOLL.

HUMBLY

Offer'd to the Conſideration of the Right Worſhipful and Worſhipful the *Mayor*, *Aldermen*, and *Common-Council* of the CITY of *BRISTOLL*.

THAT a Spacious *Work-Houſe* be Erected in ſome Vacant Place within this CITY on a General Charge, large enough for the *Poor* who are to be imployed therein, and alſo with Rooms for ſuch who being unable to work, are to be Relieved by Charity.

THAT the Rules of this *Houſe* be ſuch as may force all Perſons to work that are able, and encourage the Manufacturers of this CITY to ſupply them with Materials to work on, which they will be ready to do, having ſo good a Security as this will be for their being returned to them again when wrought up.

THAT all People who are not able to Maintain their Children may put them into this *Work-Houſe* or *Hoſpital* at what Age they will, where they ſhall be ſetled till the Age of Years, by which means they will in the end be no charge to the *Hoſpital*: and the good Effects will be theſe, Children will be bred up to Labour, Principles of Vertue will be implanted in them early by the good Government of this *Hoſpital*, and Lazineſs and Beggary diſcouraged.

THAT the Antient People who are paſt their Labour ſhall have Lodgings, and Weekly Pay according to their wants, who may ſtill do ſomething towards their Maintenance, and the Women may look after the young Children.

THAT the Rates of the *Poor* of this CITY being all united into one common Fund will be enough to carry on this good Work, by which means the Magiſtrates will be freed from the trouble which they daily have about the Settlement of the *Poor*, the Officers of Pariſhes will be eaſed, the *Poor's* Stock not ſpent in Law, themſelves provided for without being ſent from Pariſh to Pariſh as now they are, and their Children ſetled early in ways of being ſerviceable to the Publick Good, and not bred up in all manner of Vice, as now they are.

THAT the Governors of this *Hoſpital* have Power to force all People to work in it who do not betake themſelves to ſome Lawful Imployments elſewhere, but ſpend their times lazily and idly.

THAT the ſaid Governers have Power to ſettle out the younger People at ſuch Ages as they ſhall think fit; the Boys to Navigation, Manufactures, or Handy-Trades; the Maids in Service; and to bind them Apprentices for certain Years.

THAT this will prevent Children from being murthered, or ſtarved by the Cruelty of the Pariſh Officers, and Poverty of their Parents, which is now a great Scandal to the Nation; foraſmuch as every Perſon if imployed, would by his Labour add to the Wealth of the Publick.

THAT this will encourage Men of Charity to make [illegible] ſhall ſee their Bounties ſo well laid out.

THAT Application be made in order to procure [illegible] ter carrying on this Work.

Briſtoll: Printed by [illegible]

1696